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Examiner: Daniel S. Felten

Invention: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OBTAINING LOWEST
BID FROM INFORMATION PRODUCT VENDORS"

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In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the receipt of Applicant's Supplemental Amendment filed January 30, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior art rejections set forth by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references of record, whether considered alone, or in combination, fail to either teach or suggest Applicant's presently claimed invention.

More specifically, all of the claims in the application currently stand rejected as being obvious in light of the combined teachings of United States Patent No. 5,794,207 to Walker referenced by the Examiner as "WA207" and United States Patent No. 5,659,731 to Gustafson. In the latest office action, the Examiner has again recognized the deficiency of the WA207 reference in that at the very least, it fails to disclose automatically comparing "or matching" vendor records to job data and automatically identifying at least one group from



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